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Ligation-mediated method of recombining polynucleotides *in vitro*. Polynucleotides from a library are fragmented and the fragments are hybridized to an assembly template. The hybridized fragments are iteratively re-hybridized and ligated until the ends of the hybridized fragments are adjacent to the ends of other hybridized fragments on the assembly template. A final ligation produces recombined polynucleotides. - -

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